



# Elk Point-Jefferson School District

Showing Pride...Taking Action

July 2025

## **MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT: *Dr. Philip Schonebaum***

### **EPJ Back-to-School Community Letter – 2025-2026**

Dear EPJ Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! My name is Dr. Philip Schonebaum, and I'm honored to continue serving as Superintendent of the Elk Point-Jefferson School District.

As we begin another exciting year together, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our returning families and a special greeting to those new to our district. We are excited to continue building a strong, connected school community focused on relationships, safety, and student growth.

### **Key Dates:**

- **August 13:** School Safety Inservice (staff only) – investing in the safety of our students and employees.
- **August 14:** Open House, 3:00–7:00 PM. (*Class list release and potential time slot sign-ups are under review and will be communicated soon.*)
- **August 19:** First Day of School – Full day of instruction.

### **Communication Update:**

This year, we are implementing a new communication platform through the EPJ School App using **Rooms**. This will serve as our central tool for connecting families with classroom teachers and school staff. More information and set-up instructions will be shared during Open House and on our website.

### **Our Focus:**

We are committed to deepening relationships between students and staff. Our mission is to ensure that every child feels safe, seen, and supported—and that each student has at least one trusted adult in the building they can count on.

### **Pride in EPJ:**

Elk Point-Jefferson continues to be a district marked by excellence. Whether it is in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, our students are achieving at high levels. We are proud of our tradition of academic achievement, competitive athletics, and outstanding fine arts programs. These accomplishments are made possible by the dedication of our students, the support of our parents, the hard work of our staff, and the unwavering commitment of our community. Together, we've built a culture of success, and we look forward to continuing that momentum this year.

### **Construction Update:**

As you may know, we have significant construction underway on campus. Precast wall work is scheduled to begin around the time school starts, so we ask for your continued patience and flexibility during this exciting but busy time. While it may feel a bit hectic with crews on site, please know this temporary inconvenience is part of a bigger vision—building something great for the future of our students.

To help with traffic during this time:

- If you're using the **Kindergarten entrance**, please **do not turn around on Douglas Street**. Instead, drop off at the sidewalk and use the **football field parking lot** to safely turn around.
- For **elementary pick-up**, we ask all families to park in the **football field lot** as well.

Please stay connected by regularly visiting our [website](#) and following our **EPJ Facebook page** for the latest updates, reminders, and school news throughout the year. We are thrilled to begin this new school year and grateful for your partnership as we continue working together to make EPJ a safe, strong, and supportive place for all students.

**2025-2026 SPORTS/ACTIVITIES INFORMATION: Justin Clercx**

With the school year just around the corner, it is time for parents and students to start thinking about the upcoming sports and activities seasons. There are several items that need your attention before practices begin in the fall.

**Athletic Physicals** – every student that wishes to participate in athletics in grades 7-12 must have an athletic physical before they are allowed to participate. Physicals can be taken with any health care provider, but everyone must use the physical form that can either be picked up in the high school office or found on the school website under the athletic department tab in the forms section.

**This year we have put our athletic physicals online through the Bound app. Please use the flyer on the next page to walk you through the process of registering your student and submitting their physicals online.**

**NOTE: The office MUST have a copy of the physical and forms on file before an athlete will be allowed to participate in practices or competitions.**

**NOTE: Physicals taken for the upcoming seasons will be good until August 1, 2026, at which time each athlete will need a new physical.**

**Activities Handbook** – the Activities Handbook will be available on the school website for anyone to view. Policies covered in the handbook include Academic Eligibility Requirements, Extra Curricular and Co-curricular Training Rules, SDHSAA Drug Use Policy, EPJ Attendance Policy and EPJ Transportation Policy. Students and parents MUST read through the handbook and sign the last page signifying that they have read and agree to the policies and expectations outlined in the Activities Handbook.

**NOTE: Handbook forms are also available for signature through the Bound app.**

**Athletic and Activity Schedules** – all our schedules will be available through our school website. The direct link for our schedules on the website is [https://www.epj.k12.sd.us/events?start\\_date=2024-09-01&end\\_date=2024-09-30&view=cal-month](https://www.epj.k12.sd.us/events?start_date=2024-09-01&end_date=2024-09-30&view=cal-month) . You can also download the app for free on your phone and have our schedules at your fingertips at all times. You will find the app by searching for “EPJ” in your Apple or Android store.

**NOTE: The Activity Scheduler app that we have used in previous year will no longer be active – the only place to find EPJ schedules will be through Bound starting in the Fall 2025**

**Sport Start Dates for Fall 2025**

**Fall Kickoff Meeting - Wednesday, July 23 at 6 pm in HS gym**

**Boys Football – Thursday, August 7**

**Boys Golf – Monday, August 11**

**Boys and Girls Cross Country – Monday, August 11**

**Girls Volleyball – Thursday, August 14**

Athletes in grades 7 and 8 that wish to participate in boy’s golf and cross country will be practicing with the varsity team because there is no junior high program available.

Thank you for your continued support of EPJ athletics and activities! If you have any questions, please contact the Activities Director Justin Clercx [justin.clercx@k12.sd.us](mailto:justin.clercx@k12.sd.us).



# ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

» BOUND

Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies  
Student-Athlete Registration

EASY AS 1-2-3

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1

Scan the QR Code or go to the link below.

<https://www.gobound.com/sd/schools/elkpointjefferson>

Then, click the Registration tab.

2

Login or click 'Create Your Account Now'

Returning Students

Click on your student portal and register for activities. Skip step 3.

New to Bound

Create your family account and move on to step 3.

3

Click 'Add a Student' and then search for your student. Verify the information and click 'Connect to My Student'.

Add a Student

For assistance, [click here](#) or contact Bound with the green chat bubble!



Connect to My Student

## **MESSAGE FROM SECONDARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: *Skyler Eriksen***

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer! As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we want to share several important dates related to registration, locker assignments, lunch accounts, activity tickets, and more. These events are designed to help students transition smoothly into the new school year, so please take note of the following schedules.

### **High School Students (Grades 9–12)**

Welcome back to Husky Territory! I hope you're as excited as we are to begin another great school year. Your teachers and I look forward to seeing you in the building again soon. To help set you up for success, we ask that you attend one of the following registration days:

- **Monday, August 11** — Juniors & Seniors: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- **Tuesday, August 12** — Freshman & Sophomores: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- **Open House--Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**- Grades 9-12: 3:00-7:00PM

### **High School Open House**

**Thursday, August 14** | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us to kick off the school year at Elk Point–Jefferson High School. During this time, high school teachers will be available in their classrooms.

Families are encouraged to:

- Visit teachers at your own pace
- Walk through your child's daily schedule
- Ask questions and connect with staff

Schedules will be provided upon entry.

### **Freshman & New Student Orientation**

**Thursday, August 14** | 6:15 PM – 6:45 PM

**Location: High School Gym**

NEW THIS YEAR- Families of incoming 9th grade students and new high school students are invited to attend a short orientation session. Topics will include:

- What's new and different about high school
- Graduation requirements and academic expectations
- Time management, technology use, and attendance policies
- Opportunities for involvement (athletics, fine arts, clubs, etc.)

This session is a great way for students and families to start strong and gain a better understanding of the high school experience.

### **Middle School Students (Grades 6–8)**

I hope you're recharged and ready to go. This year, I encourage each of you to join a club or activity — your involvement makes a difference. Please plan to attend one of the following registration days:

- **Tuesday, August 12** — Grades 6–8: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
- **Open House--Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**- Grades 6-8: 3:00-7:00PM

## **Middle School Open House**

**Thursday, August 14 | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

We're excited to welcome students and families to our Middle School Open House. All teachers will be in their classrooms and available to meet.

During this time, families can:

- Visit your child's homeroom teacher (schedule provided at entry)
- Tour the school at your own pace
- Speak with teachers and support staff
- Purchase a planner (\$5)

## **6th Grade Orientation**

**Thursday, August 14 | 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM**

All incoming 6th grade students and their parents are invited to attend a special orientation session. This event will include:

- An overview of middle school expectations and programs
- Opportunities to ask questions and meet staff
- A tour of classrooms and key areas of the school
- Distribution of student computers (with signed parental consent)

We look forward to partnering with you for another successful school year at EPJ.

## **Student Policies**

Our school has a number of policies in place to support our community, staff, and students in achieving our mission: *"to provide a safe environment where students are empowered with the knowledge and skills to successfully navigate life's transitions and challenges."*

These policies include, but are not limited to, dress code expectations, behavioral standards, and graduation requirements. For your convenience, a complete listing of current policies is available on our website and can be referenced throughout the school year.

Please note that new policies may be introduced, and existing policies may be updated periodically. We encourage you to stay informed by visiting [www.epj.k12.sd.us](http://www.epj.k12.sd.us)

## **School Bus Safety**

With a new school year approaching, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of bus safety. Bus drivers have many responsibilities, as they are in charge of the safety of students both on and off the bus. You can support our bus drivers by encouraging your children to be cautious and aware of how to stay safe on or near a school bus.

We also urge all drivers to exercise caution when traveling near school buses. Please stop when the red lights on a school bus are flashing—this signals that students are either getting on or off the bus. Student safety is a top priority at our school, and your attentiveness helps keep everyone safe.

Many people have been working hard to prepare for another successful year at Elk Point-Jefferson, and I have no doubt we will achieve great things together! I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to call the school or email me with any questions you may have.

Skyler Eriksen-MS/HS Principal

**MESSAGE FROM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL/SPED DIRECTOR: Laura Throener**

EPJ Students, Families and Staff!

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I hope your summer has been filled with fun, rest, and special moments with family and friends. As your principal, I am excited to welcome both our returning students and those who are new to our school community. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to an incredible year of learning, growth, and discovery.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare classrooms and plan engaging lessons that will inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is key to student success, and we are committed to building that connection with every family.

Here are a few important reminders as we begin the school year:

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Thursday August 14th, 3-7 PM. Please sign up for an individual time to meet with your child(s) teacher. (instructions and link are on the school website and were sent via email)

The lunchroom will have tables with information on bussing services, food service and many different activities.

- **First Day of School:** Tuesday, August 19th
- **School Hours:** 8:15 AM -3:07 PM
- **Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:** Students should not arrive prior to 7:30 AM. Those arriving at 7:30 are expected to be in the cafeteria for breakfast.
- **School Supplies:** Drop off during your time slot at Open House/Meet the Teacher Night

We have some talented new faces joining us at EPJ Elementary. They bring with them talent in education and passion for the Elk Point-Jefferson School District. We are so excited to welcome them to the Husky teaching team.

Ms. Kaitlyn Tassler- First Grade  
Mrs. Emma Jensen- Fifth Grade

Throughout the year, you'll receive regular updates via newsletters, emails, and our school website. We encourage you to stay connected and involved—whether by attending events, volunteering, or simply checking in with your child about their day.

You can access grades, assignments, lunch balances and prices, attendance and more on the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus. Lunch deposits will continue to be free when paying online. If you need access to the parent portal, please contact [Myles.T.Larsen@k12.sd.us](mailto:Myles.T.Larsen@k12.sd.us)

The Elementary Student Handbook can be found on our school website: [www.epj.k12.sd.us](http://www.epj.k12.sd.us). Please take time to become familiar with the policies and procedures that will enable your student to learn and thrive in a safe and productive environment.

Let's work together to make this a wonderful year filled with kindness, learning, and community spirit. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our team.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

With Husky Pride,

Mrs. Laura Throener, MSE, MA, CCC-SLP  
Elementary Principal/Director of Special Education Services  
Elk Point-Jefferson School District 61-7

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Classes begin on August 19, 2025, at 8:15 A.M. and dismiss at 3:07 P.M.
- Student activity tickets will be available at a cost of \$25.00.
- Adult activity passes will be available in the High School Office at a cost of \$45.00.
- **ACTIVITY PASSES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**
- Senior Citizens - no charge

## BUSES:

Bus service will begin on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. The buses will arrive at school by 8:00 A.M., departing at 3:15 P.M. for the routes home. A student conduct rules list is included in this newsletter.

EPJ SCHOOL BUS SIGN-UP <https://www.epj.k12.sd.us/page/bussing>. If you have questions, please contact Lance Simpson at 712-899-6467 (call or text) or at [LSimpson1979@yahoo.com](mailto:LSimpson1979@yahoo.com).

## ACTIVITIES:

Monthly calendars for activities can be found on the school website under the Calendar tab.

## CLASS LISTS:

Parents and students will be able to find out who their classroom teacher is by logging into the Infinite Campus Portal listed under the Parents and Students icons on our homepage. If you do not have a username and password, please contact [Myles.T.Larsen@k12.sd.us](mailto:Myles.T.Larsen@k12.sd.us).

## FOOD SERVICE:

The breakfast and lunch services begin Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:10. Lunch is served at times that are based on your child's grade level. Cost for breakfast is \$1.90 per student JK-12; adults \$2.50. Noon lunches will be available for students in grades JK-5 at \$3.05 per meal; students in grades 6-12 at \$3.20 per meal; adults at \$5.15 per meal. Extra entrées will cost \$1.90; extra milk will cost \$.45. We encourage you to deposit money into your child(ren)'s meal account before the first day of school. Meal deposits will be accepted in the elementary and MS/HS offices on the days set aside for pre-registration. **Applications for Free and Reduced Meals are available in any office, in this newsletter and on the EPJ website under Departments>Food Service>Free & Reduced Meal Application.** School lunch menus can be found on the school website under Departments>Food Service>Menus. Please see additional information included in this newsletter.

## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS?

Income levels for families to receive free and reduced meals have been updated for this year. If you are at 185% of the poverty level or 130% of the poverty level, you are eligible for free or reduced meals. This can be found with a simple Google search. For example, for a household of five, the poverty level is set at \$37,650. Your household would qualify for reduced meals if your annual income were \$69,563 or free meals if your income is \$48,945.

**Applications for Free and Reduced Meals are available in any office, in this newsletter and on the EPJ website under Departments>Food Service>Free & Reduced Meal Application.**

## POLICIES:

The following policies can be found on the school website under District>Public Notices.

- Admission of Homeless Students Policy
- Asbestos Management Plan
- Child Find
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- District Complaint Policy for Federal Programs
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Internet Safety Policy
- Notice of Nondiscrimination
- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

## **SAFE AND SECURE**

The Elk Point-Jefferson School District is continually working to provide a safe environment for our students.

**The school day runs from 8:15 AM to 3:07 PM.** All doors are locked between these hours. Parents will be asked to remain outside during arrival and departure times.

All students must be in their classrooms by 8:15 AM or they will be counted as tardy.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Did you know that missing 18 or more days of school in a school year is considered chronically absent? Of those students that are kindergarten and first-grade students, only 17% nationally can read proficiently by the time they hit 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Students who are not chronically absent have a 64% grade level reading proficiency at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A student who missed 10 days of school is less likely to enroll in college. Get your kids to school!

## **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND RECRUITMENT DISPLAY NIGHT:** *Preston Pohlman*

To those interested in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band this fall:

I would like to invite any and all incoming fifth graders to join our fifth-grade band! If you have an instrument already in mind, that is great. If not, we tried them in the spring of last year and Mr. Pohlman will be sharing that information. Remember that to be in the percussion section, a student needs to have completed the percussion test in 4<sup>th</sup> grade music. Our instrument display and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band meeting will be Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the High School Commons. Please fill out this brief Google Form (2 min) so I have the correct contact information; <https://forms.gle/XACNytkAo6j46BaJ9>. If you have any questions, please email me at [preston.pohlman@k12.sd.us](mailto:preston.pohlman@k12.sd.us) to let me know and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

## **SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM:**

In the fall, all students in grades JK-3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as, all other students who are new to the school, or who are at risk for speech and hearing problems will participate in the Speech, Language and Hearing Screening at Elk Point- Jefferson School. Parents of a child in other grades desiring that their student be screened as well should contact the school.

Your school takes a special interest in the speech, language, and hearing abilities of each student. Hearing is very important to a child's ability to listen, learn, and progress in school. Speech and language, likewise, are important tools used to communicate and to express what is learned. Periodic checking of these abilities is important to ensure normal development, and to identify students in need of assistance or further evaluation in these areas. Should any of these areas be identified as being in need of further testing, the parent/guardian's permission will be requested, or specific recommendations made.

Speech-Language Pathologists through the Southeast Area Cooperative along with the South Dakota Services for the Deaf will conduct this screening. Questions regarding the screening, or the speech-language and hearing program should be directed to Kim Olson.

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:**

The Elk Point-Jefferson school district is in need of substitute teachers grades K-12. If interested, please go to our website under EPJ Employment and follow the instructions. A copy of a recent background check will need to be submitted before substitute teaching can begin.

## HUSKY STAFF MEMBERS

Staff Member:	Position	Staff Member:	Position
<b>Administration:</b>			
Philip Schonebaum	Superintendent	Dallas Harvey	Title I
Eriksen, Skylar	MS/HS (6-12) Principal	Karla Hinds	Title I
Throener, Laura	JK-5 Principal/District SPED Dir.	Abraham, Bailey	3rd-5th Special Education
Watterson, Heather	Business Manager	Petersen, Samantha	JK-2nd Special Education
Larsen, Myles	Technology Director	Cassandra Schmith	6th-12th Special Education
Clercx, Justin	Dean of Students/AD	Kelley, Nicole	HS Special Education
<b><u>Middle School:</u></b>			
Mau, Donna	Administrative Secretary	Homan, Andy	MS Science/Health
Donnelly, Jaimie	JK-5 Secretary	Langle, Angie	MS Math
Curry, Melissa	MS/HS Secretary	Irlbeck, Marcee	MS Math/MS Lit/FACS
Kitchen (Lunchtime Solutions)	Food Service	McMahan, Paula	MS Special Education
Allard, Leslie	School Nurse	Olson, Sam	MS Language Arts
Grassel, Todd	Head Maintenance	Peirce, Angela	MS Science/Health
Holdhusen, Deedra	JK-12 Librarian	Haveman, Joel	MS Social Studies
McMeekin, Christine	7-12 Guidance	Kendall Leichtenberg	MS Language Arts/Lit
Schonebaum, Danielle	JK-6 Guidance	Goehring, Tami	Elem/MS Physical Education
<b><u>Elementary:</u></b>			
Sexton, Leisa	Jr. Kindergarten	Emma Jensen	Grade 5
Helling, Aubrey	Kindergarten		
Eriksen, Mara	Kindergarten		
Limoges, Tawny	Kindergarten		
Kaitlyn Tassler	Grade 1	Ahmann, Rita	HS Math
Westin, Laura	Grade 1	Brunick, Katelyn	Vocal Music
Meins, Marica	Grade 1	Haberling, Kelly	World History/Government
Schmitz, Kristi	Grade 2	Kirkegaard, Bonnie	Spanish
Ronning, Courtnee	Grade 2	Kuper, Erin	Elem/HS Physical Education
Marasco-Ayau, Brooklyn	Grade 2	Leichtenberg, Shayla	Art
Homan, Haley	Grade 3	Nolz, Tyler	World Geography/US History
Sarah Wolforth	Grade 3	Norris, Melanie	HS Science
Jeremy Otkin	Grade 3	Otten, Megan	HS English
Neuharth, Jeffery	Grade 4	Preston Pohliman	Instrumental Music
Samantha Hartog	Grade 4	Ronning, Zachary	HS Math
Attema, Stephanie	Grade 4	Severson, Rich	Industrial Tech.
Neuharth, Valerie	Grade 5	Alicia Loiland	HS English
VanWyk, Selene	Grade 5	Stabe, Karlene	HS Science
		Terry, Jake	Computer
<b><u>High School:</u></b>			

## HUSKY STAFF MEMBERS

Staff Members:	Staff Members:
<p><b>Paraprofessionals:</b>                      Sydney Bousquet - HS                      Pam Diaz - HS                      Christine Haines - HS                      Hannah Lee - HS                      Brandy Moore - MS/HS                      Alyssa Brown - MS/HS                      Bailey Kramer - MS/HS                      Shelly Johnson - MS                      Jessica Reihe - MS</p> <p><b>MS</b>                      Lori Kellen - MS                      Jessica Stouffer - Elem                      Xava Parra - Elem                      Sheri Pitz - Elem                      Christine Spaulding - Elem                      Theresa Twohig - Elem                      Andria Waddell - Elem                      Jacob Renken - Elem                      Karla Nussbaum - K</p> <p><b>Football:</b>                      Head Coach - Jake Terry                      Assistant - Manny Scarmon                      Assistant - Sam Olson                      Assistant - Adam Timmins                      Assistant - Heath Van Roekel                      7/8 - Zach Ronning                      7/8 - Dave Jacobs</p> <p><b>Wrestling:</b>                      Head Coach - Tyler Nolz                      Assistant - Josh Rupp                      Assistant - Seth Fischer</p> <p><b>Sports Performance Coordinator:</b>                      Andy Homan</p> <p><b>Vocal/Show Choir:</b>                      Katelyn Brunick                      Assistant -</p> <p><b>Yearbook:</b>                      Shayla Leichtenberg</p> <p><b>Science Olympiad:</b>                      Amanda Vande Vegte</p>	<p><b>Library Aide:</b>                      Phyllis Bernard</p> <p><b>Educators Rising Advisor:</b>                      Karlene Stabe</p> <p><b>Mini Courses</b></p> <p><b>Website PPT Developer</b>                      Melissa Curry</p> <p><b>Cross Country:</b>                      Head Coach - Jeffery Neuharth                      Assistant - Jeffrey Campbell</p> <p><b>Jr. High Golf: (Spring)</b>                      Marcee Irlbeck</p> <p><b>Boy's Basketball:</b>                      Head Coach - Joel Haveman                      Assistant - Zachary Ronning                      Assistant - Mack Vande Kamp                      7/8 - Adam Timmins                      7/8 - Gary Nebelsick</p> <p><b>Softball:</b>                      Head Coach -</p> <p><b>Jr. Class Advisors:</b>                      Melanie Norris                      Karlene Stabe</p> <p><b>Oral Interpretation:</b>                      Kirsten Colt</p> <p><b>One Act Play &amp; School Play</b>                      Kirsten Colt</p>
<p><b>Maintenance:</b>                      Debbie Broveak                      Victor Contreras                      David Karberna                      Bridget King                      Suzy Pierce                      Robin Rupp</p> <p><b>Golf (Boys &amp; Girls):</b>                      Head Boys - Kelly Haberling                      Head Girls - Kelly Haberling</p> <p><b>Cheerleading:</b>                      Shayla Leichtenberg</p> <p><b>Track &amp; Field:</b>                      Head Boys -                      Head Girls - Alicia Loiland                      Assistant Boys -                      Assistant Girls -                      7/8 - Erin Hammitt                      7/8 - Meghan Rozell</p> <p>Assistant - Josh Nearman</p> <p><b>MS Student Council:</b>                      Marcee Irlbeck                      Kendall Leichtenberg</p> <p><b>HS Student Council:</b>                      Megan Otten &amp; Melanie Norris</p> <p><b>National Honor Society:</b>                      Rita Ahmann</p>	<p><b>Elementary Music; Elem Honor Choir Advisor:</b>                      Cheryl Tatro</p> <p><b>Instrumental Music/Jazz Band:</b>                      Preston Pohlman</p> <p><b>School Newspaper:</b>                      Megan Otten</p> <p><b>Science Fair:</b>                      HS-Karlene Stabe/Melanie Norris                      MS - Andy Homan/Angela Peirce</p>



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. The Elk Point-Jefferson School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.90; lunch costs for children in grades JK-5 is \$3.05 and for children in grades 6-12 is \$3.20. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals.** Reduced-price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or TANF are eligible for free meals
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals
- Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines; your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2025-2026			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$1,927
Each additional person:	\$10,175	\$848	\$196

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call Donna Mau at 605-356-5950 or email [Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us](mailto:Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us).
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to **Donna Mau, PO Box 578, Elk Point, SD 57025 (605-356-5950)**.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No. But please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Donna Mau by mail – PO Box 578, Elk Point, SD 57025, by phone 605-356-5950 or email [Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us](mailto:Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us) right away so those children get benefits, too.
5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? **YES.** Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

6. I GET WIC OR MEDICAID. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC or Medicaid **may** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. WIC and Medicaid are **not** automatic qualifications. Please send in an application.
7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials by calling Donna Mau at 605-356-5950 or email [Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us](mailto:Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us). You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Travis Geary, Elk Point-Jefferson School District Board President, PO Box 578, Elk Point, SD 57025, 605-356-5950, [Travis.Geary@k12.sd.us](mailto:Travis.Geary@k12.sd.us).
10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you **normally** receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME CHANGES DURING THE YEAR OR MY SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR BENEFITS CHANGE? If your application for free or reduced-price benefits was properly approved, you will remain eligible for those benefits for a certain period of time. You may visit with a school/center official to get the exact date the meal benefits will expire.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. When this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will **also** be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you **meant** to do so.
14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments and any additional combat pay resulting from deployment are also excluded from income.  
  
IS COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to the basic pay because of deployment and it was not received before deployment, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
15. WILL YOU TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THE INFORMATION ON MY FORM? We will use the information on your form to decide if your children should get free or reduced-price meals. We may inform officials associated with other child nutrition, health, and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.
16. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? Contact your local Department of Social Services office to find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits.
18. WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS SPECIAL FOODS? The school/center will make substitutions to the regular school meal for children whose disability restricts their diet when a physician certifies that disability. If the parent requests changes, the staff **may** choose to make substitutions for individual children who do not have a disability, but who cannot drink regular milk due to medical or other special dietary needs that are supported by a certified medical authority. These requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please call the school/center food service department for further information to request special meals or milk.

If you have other questions or need help, call 605-356-5950.

Sincerely,  
Donna Mau



**INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income**

Sources of Income for Children	
Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from work</li> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Disability Payments</li> <li>Survivor's Benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income from person outside the household</li> <li>Income from any other source</li> </ul>	

Sources of Income for Adults	
Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> </ul> <p>If you are in the U.S. Military:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li> <li>Cash assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul>

Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)</li> <li>Private pensions or disability benefits</li> <li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Earned interest</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

**OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic**

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  
 Race (check one or more):  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

**Civil Rights: Information if you have a complaint**

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: How to File a Complaint, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410  
 fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
 email: program.intake@usda.gov

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**Do not convert if only one income frequency reported. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Bi - Weekly x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12.**

Total income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Categorical Free Eligibility: (Select 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Income Eligibility: (Select 1)

How Often?	Bi-Weekly	2xMonth	Monthly	Annual	Free	Reduced	Denied
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Determining Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Confirming Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verifying Official's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# How to apply for free and reduced-price school meals

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced-price school meals. You only need to submit **one** application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in the Elk Point-Jefferson School District. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced-price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Donna Mau at 605-356-5950 or email [Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us](mailto:Donna.Mau@k12.sd.us).

**PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.**

## **STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12.**

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

**Who should I list here?** When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending Elk Point-Jefferson School, *regardless of age*

- A) **List each child's name.** For each child, print their first name, middle initial and last name. Use one line of the application for each child. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.
- B) **How old is the child? Is the child a student? What school/center does the child attend?** Fill in the information for the center or school to use.
- C) **Do you have any foster children?** If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. **Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application.** If you are *only* applying for foster children, after completing STEP 1, skip to STEP 4 of the application and these instructions. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.
- D) **Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway?** If you believe any child listed in this section may meet this description, please mark the "Homeless, Migrant, and Runaway" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application.

## **STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (INCLUDING YOU) CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN SNAP, TANF, OR FDPIR?**

**If anyone in your household participates in the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:**

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- A) **IF NO ONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:**
- *Leave STEP 2 blank and go to STEP 3*
- B) **IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED PROGRAMS:**
- Write a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. You only need to write one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your local assistance office. **You must provide a case number on your application**
  - *Go to STEP 4*

### STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

- A) Use the charts titled “**Sources of Income for Adults**” and “**Sources of Income for Children**,” printed on the back side of the application form to determine if your household has income to report.

REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report all income earned or received by children.</b> Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked “Child Income.” Only count foster children’s income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household</li> <li>• <b>What is Child Income?</b> Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income</li> </ul>		
REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS		
<p><b>Who should I list here?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own</li> <li>• <b>Do NOT include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ People who live with you but are not supported by your household’s income AND do not contribute income to your household</li> <li>○ Infants, children and students already listed in <b>STEP 1</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>a) List adult household members’ names.</b> Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked “Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last).” <u>Do not list any household members you listed in STEP 1.</u> If a child listed in <b>STEP 1</b> has income, follow the instructions in <b>STEP 3, part A.</b></p>	<p><b>b) Report earnings from work.</b> Report all income from work in the “Earnings from Work” field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.</p> <p><b>What if I am self-employed?</b> Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.</p>	<p><b>c) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony.</b> Report all income that applies in the “Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony” field on the application. <u>Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart.</u> If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as “other” income in the next part.</p>
<p><b>d) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income.</b> Report all income that applies in the “Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income” field on the application.</p>	<p><b>e) Report total household size.</b> Enter the total number of household members in the field “Total Household Members (Children and Adults).” This number <b>MUST</b> be equal to the number of household members listed in <b>STEP 1</b> and <b>STEP 3</b>. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced-price meals.</p>	<p><b>f) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.</b> An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled “Check if no SSN.”</p>

- B) Report all amounts in **GROSS INCOME ONLY**. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
- Gross income is the total income received before taxes
  - Many people think of income as the amount they “take home” and not the total, “gross” amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- C) Write a “0” in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write ‘0’ or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- D) Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

**What if I am self-employed?**

If you are self-employed, report income from that work as a **net** amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.

- E) To figure monthly income for self-employment/farming: The information to figure income from private business operation is to be taken from your U.S. Individual Income Tax Return – Schedule 1. Write the numbers from the corresponding tax form lines in the box below. Write it on the free/reduced-price meal application in the earnings column as annually. If it is a negative number, write it as zero on the application. All other income from the tax form must be listed separately for the person who earned it. Net loss carryover cannot be used to decrease the household income.

**Line 1 of the IRS Form 1040** cannot be used to report income. Income from wages or salaries must be reported on the free/reduced price meal application for the most recent month by family member and frequency.

**Line 7b** (total income) and **Line 8b** (adjusted gross income) **of the IRS Form 1040** cannot be used for the purpose of applying for free and reduced-price meals.

The line items below are used to determine allowable self-employment income. Refer to the US Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040 – Schedule 1 under Part I, Additional Income section.

Line 3, Business Income (or loss)	\$	NOTE: If any members of the household have income from wages or salary, the gross income from last month must be reported on the application form.  This attachment is used only to report income from self-employment and/or farming.
Line 4, Other Gains (or losses)	\$	
Line 5, Rental Real Estate, etc.	\$	
Line 6, Farm Income (or loss)	\$	
Line 8, Other Income	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE LINES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	
		Equals annual self-employment income**

If the TOTAL OF THE ABOVE LINES is a negative number, it must be changed to zero before it is transferred to the free/reduced price meal application

\*\*Report this amount on the free and reduced-price meal application in the category labeled "Farming/Pensions/Retirement/Other Income."

- F) **Report total household size.** Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number **MUST** be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household determines your income cutoff for free and reduced-price meals.
- G) **Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.** The household's primary wage earner or another adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

## STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. **By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported.** Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

- A) **Provide your contact information.** Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.
- B) **Sign and print your name.** Print your name in the box "Printed name of adult completing the form." Sign your name in the box "Signature of adult completing the form."
- C) **Write Today's Date.** In the space provided, write today's date in the box.
- D) **Share children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (optional).** On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals; however, if you do not select a race/ethnicity, one will be selected for you based on visual observation.



## Agreement for Disclosure of Free and Reduced Price Information

Please complete and return this form with your application for free and reduced lunch if you have a junior or senior in high school. Completing this form will allow us to help your junior or senior access the programs outlined in this form.

- Purpose and Scope

Elk Point-Jefferson School acknowledges and agrees that children's free and reduced price meal and free milk eligibility information obtained under provisions of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) (CNA) and the regulations implementing these Acts is confidential information. This Agreement is intended to ensure that any information disclosed by the Elk Point-Jefferson School to agencies that provide services about children eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk will be used only for purposes specified in this Agreement and that Elk Point-Jefferson School and outside agencies recognize that there are penalties for unauthorized disclosures of this eligibility information.

- Authority Section

9(b)(6)(A) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(6)(A)) authorizes the limited disclosure of children's free and reduced price meal or free milk eligibility information to specific programs or individuals, without prior parent/guardian consent. Except that, the parent/guardian must be provided the opportunity to decline to share eligibility information prior to the disclosure for identifying children eligible for benefits under or enrolling children in the State Medicaid Program and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Additionally, the statute specifies that for any disclosures not authorized by the statute, the consent of children's parents/guardians must be obtained prior to the disclosure.

The requesting agency certifies that it is currently authorized to administer the following program(s) and that information requested will only be used by the program(s) indicated.

Note: Section 9(b)(6)(A) specifies that certain programs may receive children's eligibility status only, without parental consent. Parental consent must be obtained to disclose any additional eligibility information. Section 9(b)(6)(D)(ii) specifies that for State Medicaid or CHIP, parents must be notified and given an opportunity to elect not to have information disclosed. Social Security Numbers may only be disclosed if households are given notice of the disclosure and the uses to be made of their Social Security Numbers as required by Sec.7 of the Privacy Act.

Check All That Apply		
Program or Person	Information Authorized	Check box to authorize use of information
EPJ High School School Counselor	Information on high school student eligibility status as free or reduced lunch to determine eligibility for the programs listed below as well as any new academic related programs or services. School counselor will send a copy of the eligibility letter to provide documentation of status.	Yes No
Department of Labor Services (Internship placement and related services for HS student)	Letter provided to the Department of Labor for verification of free or reduced lunch status.	Yes No
Free or reduced cost college, college prep or high school classes and related costs for HS student.	Letter provided to organization for verification of free or reduced lunch status.	Yes No
ACT fee waiver, college application fee waiver, and any other related fee waivers for HS student.	Letter provided to organization for verification of free or reduced lunch status.	Yes No
Other academic related program or services for HS student.	Letter provided to organization for verification of free or reduced lunch status.	Yes No

- Responsibilities

Elk Point-Jefferson School will:

When required, secure the consent of parents/guardians prior to any disclosure not authorized by the National School Lunch Act or any regulations under that Act, unless prior consent is secured by the receiving agency and made available to the determining agency;

For State Medicaid and CHIP, notify parents/guardians of potential disclosures and provide opportunity for parents/guardians to elect not to have information disclosed; Disclose eligibility information only to persons directly connected to the administration or enforcement of programs authorized access under the National School Lunch Act or regulations under the Act or to programs or services for which parents/guardians gave consent.

Elk Point-Jefferson School will:

Ensure that only persons who are directly connected with the administration or enforcement of the programs and whose job responsibilities require use of the eligibility information will have access to children's eligibility information:

Specify by name(s) or title(s) Christine McMeekin-Hemmingstad

Use children's free and reduced price eligibility information for the following specific purpose(s): See information above.

Inform all persons that have access to children's free and reduced price meal eligibility information that the information is confidential, that children's eligibility information must only be used for the purposes specified above, and the penalties for unauthorized disclosures.

Protect the confidentiality of children's free and reduced price meal or free milk eligibility information as follows: Only use information to help student access academic related services at free or reduced costs.

Specifically describe how the information will be protected from unauthorized uses and further disclosures. Only the free and reduced verification letter will be sent.

Description of Procedures to Transfer Meal Eligibility Information (may be completed by either the determining agency or receiving agency) Letter will be emailed, mailed or hand delivered to the receiving agency / program.

- Effective Dates

**This agreement shall be effective while the student attends Elk Point-Jefferson High School. Agreement ends once student graduates or unless notified in writing by parent or guardian.**

- Penalties

Any person who publishes, divulges, discloses, or makes known in any manner, or to any extent not authorized by Federal law (Section 9(b)(6)(C) of the National School Lunch Act; 42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(6)(C)) or a regulation, any information about a child's eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk, shall be fined not more than a \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 1 year or both.

- Signatures

The parties acknowledge that children's free and reduced price meal and free milk eligibility information may be used only for the specific purposes stated above, and that unauthorized use of free and reduced price meal and free milk information or further disclosure to other persons or programs is prohibited and a violation of Federal law, which may result in civil and criminal penalties.

Requesting Agency/Program Administrator:

Name: Christine McMeekin-Hemmingstad Signature: Christine McMeekin-Hemmingstad

Title: EPJ School Counselor

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Please mark boxes on page 2.**

# Healthy Bites



INFORMATION • PAYMENTS • MEAL PRICES • MENUS • LOCATIONS • CONTACT

**We look forward to the coming school year at Elk Point Jefferson as Lunchtime Solutions continues to provide your food service program.**

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with an overview of the school food service program this year. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please feel free to contact Kassi Schwier, Food Service Director, at (712)454-9910 or [k.schwier@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:k.schwier@lunchtimesolutions.com). For your convenience, our menu is posted monthly on the school website.

Student Breakfast	\$1.90
JK-5 Lunch	\$3.05
6-12	\$3.20



## SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served in the dining areas before school starts. Please encourage your student to participate in school breakfast.

**Research studies** show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom.



## SCHOOL LUNCH

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students.

All students have two entrée choices daily.

All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit & Veggie Bar, and milk choices.



## ONLINE MENUS

Connect with us through the Lunch Menu link on your school district's website where you'll find links to our monthly menus, nutrition information, healthy tips and links to other programs in your students' lunchrooms.



## SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Students are encouraged to keep a running balance in their account. When an account balance is low, students receive a reminder. When an account is negative, students can purchase a regular lunch, but no second entrees or snack items are allowed. If the student is a free student with a negative balance, they still will be able to purchase a school lunch, but no extras will be allowed.

A Point of Sale (POS) software system is used for the school lunch program. Please note, the following important information:

-Each student will have his/her own individual STUDENT ACCOUNT

-If sending cash with a student, place in a sealed envelope, along with the students name and account number. We are not responsible for lost, unidentified, or stolen cash.

-Deposits will be collected before school starts each day.

-You can also make deposits using Infinite Campus "Campus Parent"

## DIET MODIFICATIONS

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if their child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation.

Please contact Kassi Schwier at the School Food Service office for more info @ (712)454-9910.

## SNACKS

For Middle/High School students, snack items will be available during the lunch period.

Snack items offered include:

**Chips  
Cookies  
Drinks**

All snacks meet standards set by the District's Wellness Policy.

## EXTRA ENTRÉE – EXTRA MILK

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as part of the school lunch program.

Students will receive one entrée with their meal but they must have money in their account to purchase any extra entrees.

For example, if a student wants a second entrée, or an additional entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the students account.

All students can have extra servings of these with no charge:

Canned Fruit      Fresh Fruit      Vegetables      Salads



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### Meal Account Balance Policy

The Elk Point-Jefferson School District offers a hot lunch program to all students in grades JK-12 who wish to participate. Cost of the meals are published on the school website, on monthly calendars and in the back to school newsletters sent to all families at the beginning of the school year.

All families are encouraged to apply for the free and reduced meal program. Applications are sent home in the back to school newsletter and can also be found on the school website at Departments>Food Service. If a family would qualify for this program, it can provide a breakfast and/or lunch meal to a student at a reduced rate or at no cost.

The Elk Point-Jefferson School District will follow the below guidelines starting with the 2020-2021 school year.

- Accounts are set up for each individual student. Meal money must be received and deposited in the elementary or middle/high school offices by 11:00 a.m. to post to their meal account for that day.
- Checks can be written, or cash can be submitted as payment to a child's lunch account. Payments can also be made online through the student's Infinite Campus Account. To ensure proper credit to the account, the student's name should be written on the check. If there is more than one student in the family attending school, please write a note with all names listed and the amount that goes into each account. If paying with cash, please enclose the cash in a sealed envelope with the student(s) name on the envelope as well as any directions of how the money should be deposited. **PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ELK POINT-JEFFERSON SCHOOL.**
- It is expected that middle school and high school students are responsible for their own account balances. Students should stop and wait for a transaction confirmation from the cashier. This will allow the cashier to inform students of their account balance. All students (JK-12) are told if their account balance is low or negative and that they need to make a deposit to their meal account. Also, Infinite Campus emails the parent/guardian a low balance reminder and negative balance reminder on Monday's and Thursday's.
- Students (JK-12) will not be able to charge meals if their meal account balance is below -\$15.00. Students will need to bring their lunch until there are sufficient funds in their meal account.
- Students (JK-12) will not be allowed to purchase an extra entrée, chef entrée, extra milk, or a la carte items if there are not sufficient funds in their meal account.
- Families are encouraged to review meal accounts with their students and set any limits necessary. School and food service personnel are not responsible for enforcing those limits at school.
- Account balances can be viewed on the student's Infinite Campus Account under the "Food Service" tab, or parents/students can check their account balances by contacting Jaimie in the elementary at (605) 356-5800 or Julie in the middle and high school at (605) 356-5900.

# EPJ BOOSTER CLUB

We Support the Huskies!

Husky Spirit Golf Tournament

August 16, 2025

Best Ball Format

Social Hour at 1:00 pm

Shot gun start at approximately 2:00 pm

Dinner to follow

Sign up at the Pointe 605-356-2874 or email  
[thepointegolfandeventcenter@gmail.com](mailto:thepointegolfandeventcenter@gmail.com)

Cost \$50 per person. You can sign up individual or team

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Please consider sponsoring a hole to help the EPJ Booster Club continue their support of EPJ activities! Your sponsorship will include recognition at school activities.

Business/Individual/Family Name

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Addresss

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- HUSKY \$1,000 and up
- BLUE \$251 - \$500
- BLACK \$101 - \$250
- SILVER \$ 50 - \$100

Please return the bottom portion with payment to Elk Point-Jefferson School, PO Box 43, Elk Point, SD 57025. You may also return sponsorship forms to the business office at the school. Thank you!

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**PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, RETURN AT OPEN HOUSE,  
BOOSTER GOLF TOURNAMENT OR TO THE EPJ SCHOOL OFFICE.**

BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY NAME:

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(As you want it printed for recognition)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Sponsorship Levels**  
(Name will be recognized at school activities)

- HUSKY \$1,000 and Up**
- BLUE \$251 - \$500**
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- SILVER \$50 - \$100**

**\*\*\*Make checks payable to EPJ School and mail this form along with your check to  
P.O. Box 43, Elk Point, SD 57025.**

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## ELK POINT-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLY LIST FOR 2025-26

The elementary school teachers are asking each child to have the following supplies on the first day of school.  
Every student is expected to have a full change of clothes and a water bottle.

### Jr. Kindergarten

book bag (standard size)	1 1" hard cover binder	1 watercolor paint set (Crayola or Prang)	small blanket
1 boxes of Kleenex (large)	2 pencils (fat)	1 box (8) Crayola crayons (classic color)	headphones (no ear buds)
2 packages of baby wipes	6 Elmer's glue sticks/ 6 in Jan.	1 box Crayola markers (primary colors)	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)
2 containers of Clorox wipes	1 pair of Fiskars scissors	1 pencil box (share container)	1 Elmers white glue

### Kindergarten

book bag (standard size)	1 box-colored pencils (12ct.)	1 watercolor paint set (Crayola or Prang) 8ct.	small blanket
headphones (no ear buds)	4 pencils & 1 large eraser	1 box (24) Crayola classic crayons	extra set of clothes
1 package of baby wipes	8 Elmer's glue sticks	1 box Crayola markers (classic colors)	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)
1 pair of Fiskars scissors	2 containers of Clorox wipes	2 boxes of Kleenex	1 Elmers white glue

### First Grade

headphones (no ear buds)	12 pencils (No. 2) Ticonderoga	2 boxes (24) Crayola crayons	1 containers of Clorox Wipes
1 box of Kleenex (200 count)	6 Elmer's glue sticks (jumbo)	2 box standard Crayola marker (broad tip)	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)
1 pair of Fiskars scissors	1 Crayola watercolor paint set	1 plastic pencil box	4 black dry erase Expo markers
2- 2 pocket folders	2 erasers	2 bottles of Elmer's white glue	

### Second Grade

headphones (no ear buds)	2 box (24) Crayola crayons	1 box Crayola classic markers	12 pencil top erasers
1 box of Kleenex	1 pair of Fiskars scissors	10 black dry erase Expo markers	2 containers of Clorox wipes
12 pencils (No. 2)	3 large Elmer's glue sticks	1 Crayola watercolor paint set	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)

### Third Grade

headphones (no ear buds)	2 spiral wide-ruled notebooks	1 box (8) colored pencils	4 glue sticks
2 boxes of Kleenex	2 portfolio pocket folders	1 box (16 or 24) crayons	1 bottle Elmer's white glue
20 pencils (No.2)	1 pair of 6" scissors	1 box of markers	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)
8 Expo markers	1 ruler (metric and English)	1 Crayola watercolor paint set	
4 highlighters	2 large erasers	2 container of Clorox wipes	

### Fourth Grade

headphones (no ear buds)	1 package of wide-ruled paper	1 box (24) crayons	2 bottles of Elmer's white glue
2 boxes of Kleenex	2 folders	1 box of Crayola markers	2 large erasers
20 pencils (No. 2)	1 pair of scissors	4 large glue sticks	zipper pencil pouch (optional)
25 clear plastic page protectors	1 box-colored pencils	1 container of Clorox wipes	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)
1 spiral notebook (wide-ruled)	8 dry erase markers	2" ring binder w/ clear plastic cover	

### Fifth Grade

headphones (no ear buds)	1 box-colored pencils	Pencil pouch	2 highlighters (yellow & pink)
2 boxes of Kleenex	1 box crayons	1 composition notebook (VanWyk's class only)	Tri- fold board 32-36" - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
20 pencils (No. 2)	4 glue sticks (jumbo)	1 box of thick markers	1 large bottle of Elmer's glue
2 erasers	1 package of dry erase markers	12 pencil top erasers	1 container of Clorox wipes
1 pair of scissors	1 watercolor paint set	5 folders	tennis shoes for PE (stay at school)

## Elk Point- Jefferson MS/HS Supply List 2025-2026

### Middle School Supply List

1 Ruler- Metric & English	1 pkg. 3X5 Index Cards (100 ct.)	2 Highlighters
1 Pkg. (24 ct.) No. 2 Pencils	Book Covers- Paper or Cloth	Headphones or Earbuds to stay at school
1 Pkg. (12 ct.) Colored Pencils	1 Pair of Scissors	8 Expo Dry Erase Markers
3 Boxes of Kleenex (HR teacher)	Erasers (pencil caps or blocks)	3 Blue or Black Pens
1 Scientific Calculator	1 Pkg. College Ruled Paper (200)	3 Red Pens
6 Pocket Folders	5 Notebooks College Ruled	6 Glue Sticks
1 Protractor (clear)	PE- Shorts, Shoes, Shirt, Towel	EPJ Planner \$5 in office

### High School Supply List

1 Ruler- Metric & Ft.	1 Compass	3 Highlighters
1 Pkg. (12 ct.) No. 2 Pencils	Book Covers- Paper or Cloth	Headphones or Earbuds to stay at school
1 Pkg. (12 ct.) Colored Pencils	1 Pair of Scissors	3 Glue Sticks
3 Boxes of Kleenex (HR teacher)	Erasers (pencil caps or blocks)	5 Blue or Black Pens
1 Scientific Calculator	1 pkg. 3X5 Index Cards (100 ct.)	5 Red Pens
6 Pocket Folders	1 Protractor (clear)	PE- Shorts, Shoes, Shirt, Towel
2 College ruled notebooks		

## ELK POINT-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2025 (S8-T12)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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SEPTEMBER 2025 (S21-T21)						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2025 (S20-T22)						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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NOVEMBER 2025 (S18-T18)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER 2025 (S14-T15)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

In-Service Days	8	
PTC Days:	2	
Student Contact Days		S T
First Quarter:	40	45
Second Quarter	40	42
Third Quarter:	41	43
Fourth Quarter:	49	50
	<b>170</b>	<b>180</b>

**AUGUST:**  
 6: New Teacher In-Service  
 Float Contract Day Set up Classroom  
 13- In-Service  
 14- In Service -Open House Pre PTC  
 18- Teacher In-Service  
 19: First Day of School  
 29: NO SCHOOL - Labor day

**SEPTEMBER:**  
 1 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Break  
 12: 1st Quarter Midterm  
 TBD Homecoming Parade 1:00pm  
**OCTOBER:**  
 9: Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM  
 Parent - Teacher Conference (1:00-7:00 PM)  
 10: NO SCHOOL - Comp Day for PT Conf.  
 13: NO SCHOOL - Native American Day  
 17: End of 1st Quarter  
 31- No School teach In-Service

**NOVEMBER:**  
 14: 2nd Quarter Midterm/ end 1st trimester elem  
 26-28 No School Thanksgiving Break

**DECEMBER:**  
 17-18: Sem Exams Early Dismissal 18 1:00 pm  
 19- No School Teacher In-service

**JANUARY:**  
 5: Teacher In-Service No School  
 6: Classes Resume  
 19 - No School MLK day

**FEBRUARY:**  
 6: 3rd Quarter Midterm end 2nd trimester elem  
 13: No School Comp Day  
 16: NO SCHOOL - President's Day

**MARCH:**  
 13: End of 3rd Quarter  
 18 No School In Service  
 19-20 Spring Break

**APRIL:**  
 2: Early Dismissal 1:00 pm  
 3- No School Easter Break  
 6- No School Easter Break

**MAY:**  
 15: Last Day for Seniors  
 16: Graduation Day @ 2:00 PM  
 20-21: Semester Exams  
 21: End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School  
 21 Early Dismissal @ 1:00 pm  
 21 end last trimester

JANUARY 2026 (S18-T19)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
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FEBRUARY 2026 (S18-T19)						
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MARCH 2026 (S20-T20)						
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MAY 2026 (S15-T16)						
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	New teacher in-service
	Staff In-Service
	Start/End Dates Quarter
	No School
	Midterm
	P/T Conference
	First day sem Tests
	Early Dismissal
	Graduation

**Trimester November 7  
2nd Trimester for JK-2 Febr 13**

**Snow Days Built in :**

There are 3 snow days built in. Any additional days will be decided by the board of education.

**Elk Point-Jefferson School District  
2025-2026 School Calendar Days**

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**August 29.....Labor Day – No School**  
**September 1..... Labor Day – No School**  
**October 9..... Parent/Teacher Conferences (1 pm – 7 pm)**  
**October 10.....No School**  
**October 13.....Native American Day – No School**  
**October 17..... End of First Quarter**  
**October 31..... Teacher In-Service – No School**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.....Thanksgiving Break – No School**  
**December 18..... End of Second Quarter**  
**December 18..... Christmas Break**  
**December 19.....Teacher In-Service**  
**January 5, 2026..... Teacher In-Service**  
**January 6.....Classes Resume**  
**January 19.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School**  
**February 13.....No School**  
**February 16.....President’s Day - No School**  
**March 13.....End of Third Quarter**  
**March 18.....Teacher In-Service – No School**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.....Spring Break – No School**  
**April 3 & 6.....Easter Break - No School**  
**May 16.....Graduation Day**  
**May 21.....End of Fourth Quarter/Last Day of School**

**Holidays (Christmas–Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>; Easter–April 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Early Dismissal -1:00 pm**  
**Parent Teacher Conferences (October 9<sup>th</sup>) – Early Dismissal – 12:30 pm**  
**Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 1:00 pm**

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 Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 1:00 pm

### EMERGENCY CLOSING:

Notice to the public of closing of school due to emergency conditions, such as inclement weather, will be made by way of WNAX radio in Yankton; and the following television stations: KCAU (Ch. 9), KTIV (Ch. 4), KMEG (Ch. 44.3), all in Sioux City, IA and KELO (Ch. 11) and KSFY (Ch.13), both in Sioux Falls. Parents whose email addresses and cell phone numbers are registered at school will receive immediate notification of late starts or cancellations via email and text message (to receive text messages you must opt-in using your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account). If you are not receiving school notifications, please contact Myles Larsen at [myles.larsen@k12.sd.us](mailto:myles.larsen@k12.sd.us). For the quickest update, visit the EP-J website at [www.epj.k12.sd.us](http://www.epj.k12.sd.us).

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